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In response to the objections to the drawings indicated in the Office Action dated December 17, 2003 for the above-referenced patent application, please substitute the enclosed 24 sheets of formal drawings containing Figures 1 through 20 for the 24 sheets of informal drawings containing Figures 1 through 20 previously submitted on February 28, 2001.

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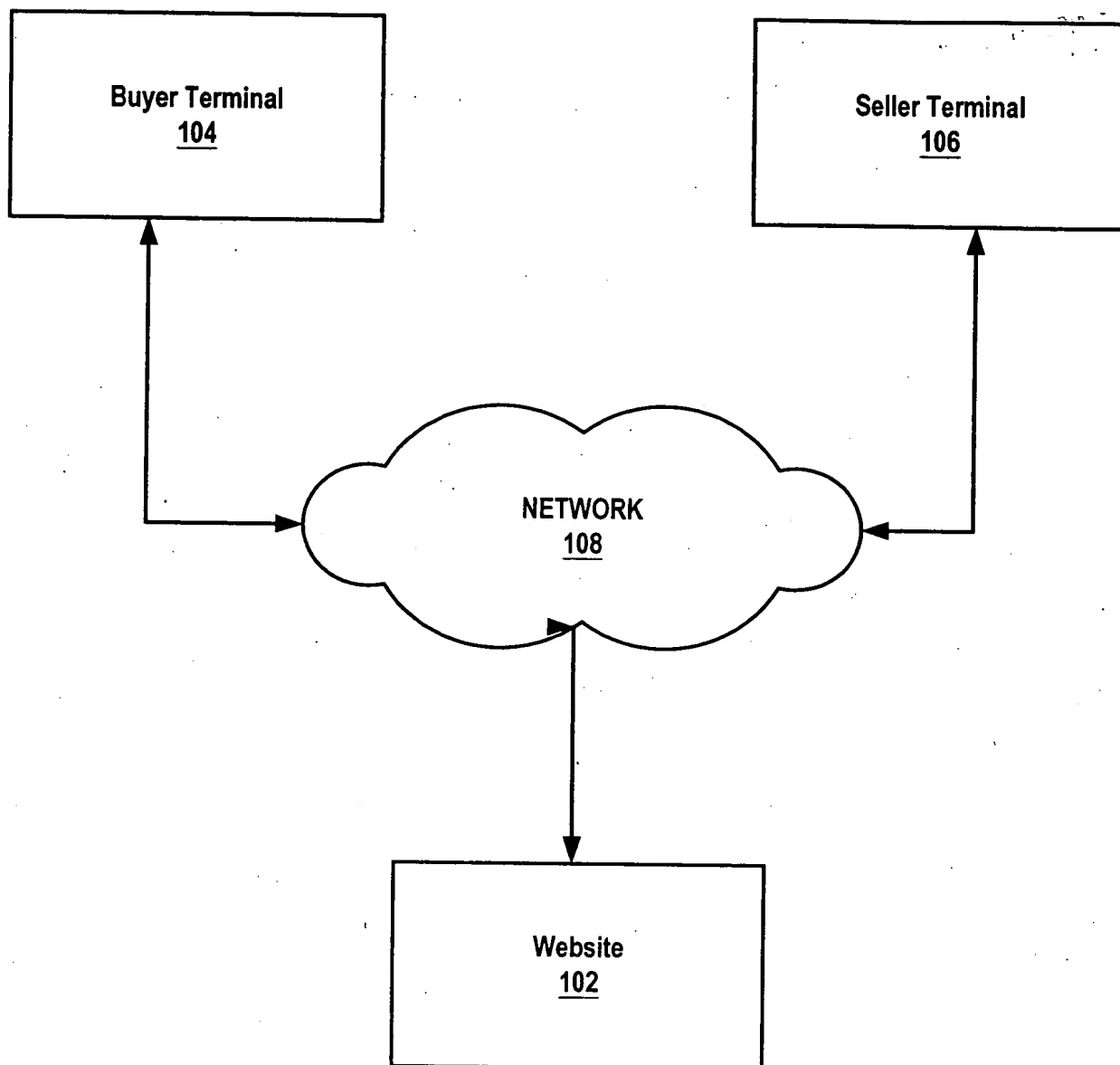


Figure 1



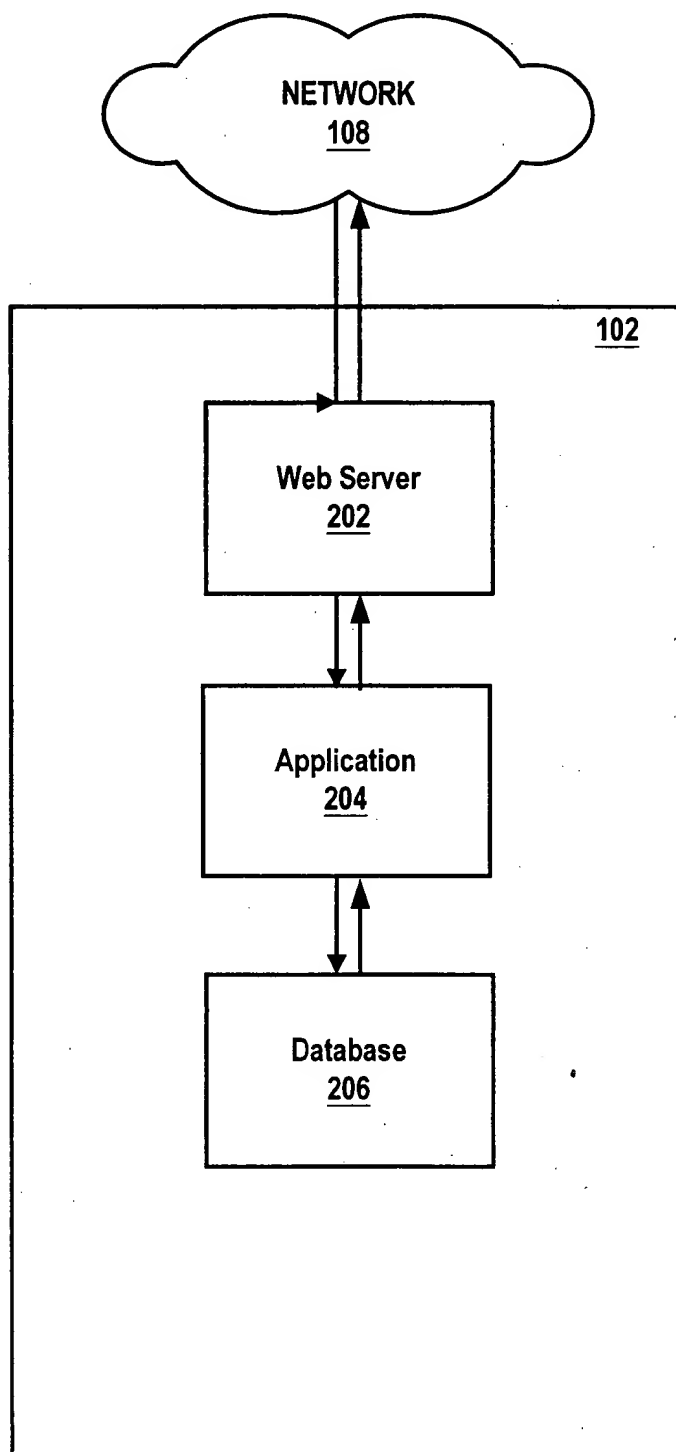


Figure 2



Workspace
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Communication Tools
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Bulletin Board
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Chat
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**Real Time
Messaging**
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File Structure
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Private
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Workbenches
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**Software
Development**
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Graphic Design
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Translation
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Project Management Tools
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Project Tracking
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**Timeline and
Milestones**
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**Resource
Allocation**
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Figure 3

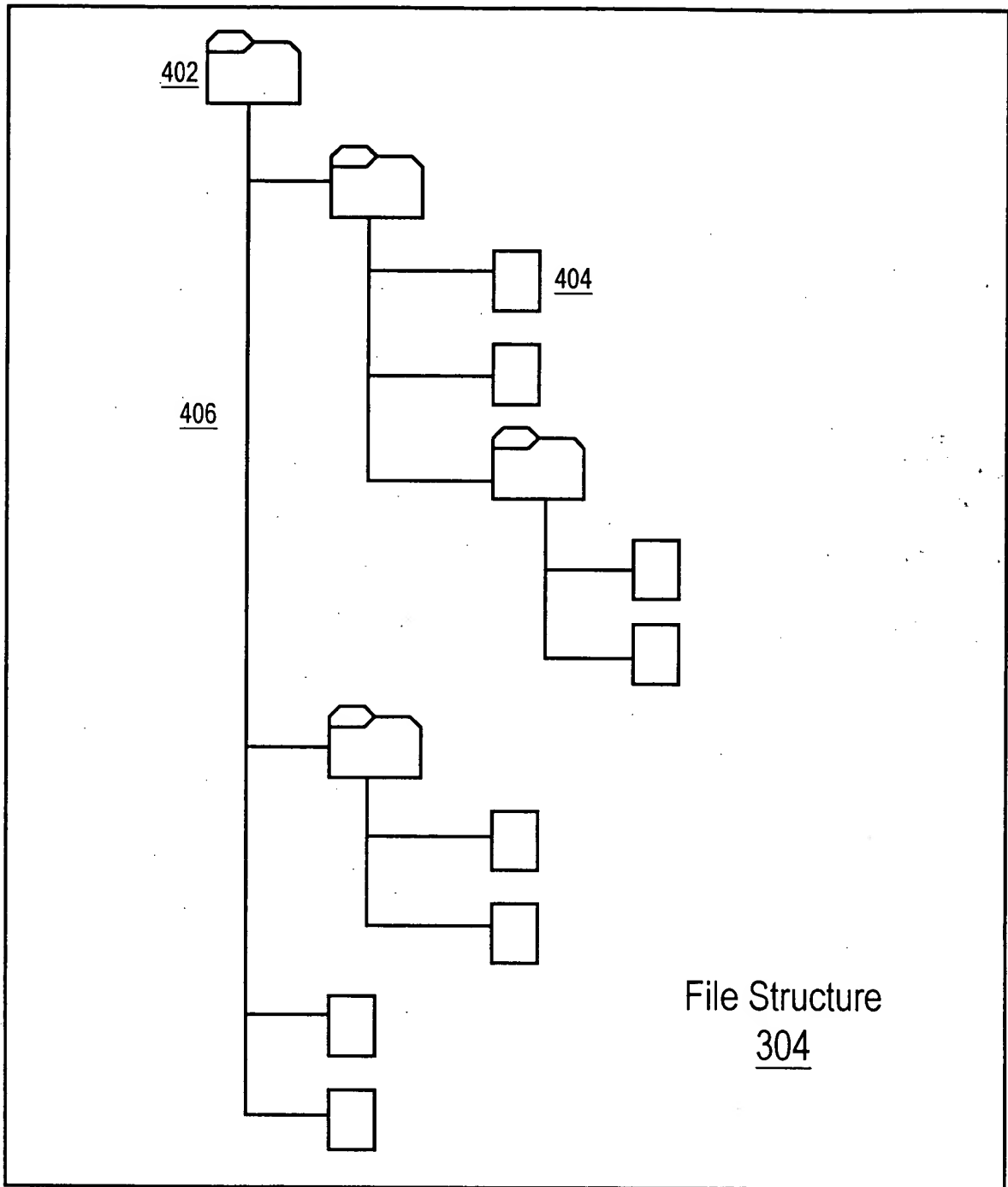


Figure 4





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Use this form to post your project. If you are a first-time user, you will be asked to provide a phone number credit card in order to maintain the integrity of the eLance marketplace. Read about eLance [security](#).

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Get help from a live person online or post a project by phone.

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RFP Wizards

Also use these customized forms to post your project:

516

Business

- General
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- Document Editing
- Presentations
- Research
- Transcription
- Translation

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Computer

- General
- Computer Consulting
- IBM AS-400 Services
- Linux related Services
- Software Development
- Web Hosting
- Web Site Development

Describe Your Project

(* = Required Field)

Give your project a name*:

510

504

Describe your project in detail*:

2,000 character limit. You can use HTML tags. Don't enter contract info.

What will you receive at the end of the project? (Deliverables)

512

Be as specific as you can. 2,000 character limit.

When do you want to receive the project?*

Aug 11 2000

Who will own the rights to the final work?

Include Files

Upload any files relevant to the project:

Up to 10 files of any type.

Upload a faxed document or voice recording:

☐

Check this box to send a toll-free fax or make a voice recording. It will be attached to your project description.

UPLOAD

506

Set Up the Bidding

Select the eLance marketplace for your project*:

(Select One)

508

Other:

If you selected Other in the pulldown menu, enter a brief description on the Other box.

How long do you want bidding to run?*

days

How much do you estimate the project will cost?

US\$

Numeric characters only. This is only a guideline; bids may be higher or lower.

509

Figure 5a



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Post a Fixed-Price Service Offer

Use this form to post a description of a service with easily defined parameters and a standard per-unit price. Don't enter your email address or telephone number into this form. Contact info is released as part of a transaction. You can edit your offer at any time.

520 **What Type of Service Do You Provide?**
Required

Describe Your Service

(Select One)

Other:

510 The pull-down menu lists just some of the services that trade on eLance. If you don't see your service, select Other and then enter a one or two word description in the box also marked Other.

522 **What's Your Specialization?**
Required

512

List the exact type of service you're offering, e.g., English-Italian (if you chose Business: Translation). Note: ONLY THE FIRST 25 LETTERS of your specialization will be immediately visible from the Service Offers Marketplace.

524 **Price/Unit:**
Required

US\$ / (Select One) Other:

Pick a unit of measurement for your service from the menu above or enter your own unit in the box marked Other. Give the price for each unit in U.S. dollars.

526 **How Long Will It Take You to Deliver?**

Hours

Enter a turnaround time in hours. Turnaround time must be entered as a number.

528 **Describe Your Service**

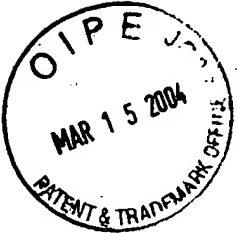
530 **Upload Examples of Your Work for Buyers to Evaluate**

You can attach up to 10 files of any type, including images, text files and html files. View [tips for uploading files](#).

532

After pressing this button, you can review and edit your Offer before it's posted live.

Figure 5b



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Place a Bid

[Back to Project: Description](#)

To bid for this project, you must be registered, and you must have a **user profile containing at least 300 characters** of information. Do not put your contact info in your bid, or it may be removed and you membership suspended. A * indicates a required field.

Need Help?
Get help now from a live person using online chat.
[Online Help](#)

Enter Your Bid

534 *Enter your bid amount: 510
US\$ 512
Selection is made on more than price. Bid can be above or below the buyer's estimate or other bids. [Tips](#)

530 *Enter the date by which you can deliver the final work:

Default is the date requested by the buyer. eLance uses United States Eastern Time.

538 Summarize your proposal: (2,000 character limit)

Upload a longer proposal if necessary. Don't enter contact info. If you do, your bid may be removed. You can get more information from the buyer by posting questions to the project message board.

530 Attach more info to your bid:

FILE UPLOAD

All uploaded files are publicly available. Include mockups of the completed work at your own risk. [Tips](#)

542 Include a fax or voice recording:
☐ Check this box to receive a free number that you can call to send a fax or make a voice recording, which will be attached to your bid. (Publicly available)

532 [Preview My Bid](#)
You must be registered to bid.

Figure 5c



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File Sharing

2 MB in use - 48 MB available

Empty - - - - -

Project Name: Garden Landscape Design Ideas

316 — Private — Your Private Area
318 — Shared — Between Buyer and Seller

[info](#)
[info](#)

Project Name: Garden landscape Design Ideas

Contents: 2 folders, 2 MB

Last Modified:

602 — [Use the private Message Board](#)

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Figure 6a








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318
608 **File Sharing** 2 MB in use - 48 MB available Empty -----

Garden Landscape Design Ideas > Shared

404

<input type="checkbox"/>		100-0029 IMG.JPG	info	Folder/File Name: Shared Contents: 0 folders, 2693Kb Last Modified: 11-JUL-00 Comments:
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602 — [Use the private Message Board](#)

Figure 6b



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Private Message Board for Garden Landscape Design Ideas

Enter Message

604

Add Files

If you wish, upload files to complement your message.

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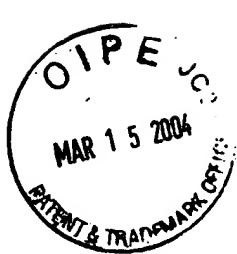
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Name	Message	Time Posted	Download
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Figure 6c



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All Categories

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Current RFPs in Project Marketplace

FILTER BY										
Categories: All				Closing: All			Listed: All			
702	704	706	708	710	712	714	716	718		
ID	Project Name	Category	Sub-category	Initial Estimate	# bids	Average bid	Time Left	Buyer	Auth	Status
3161075	user administration with php&mysql	Computer	Software Development	-	0	-	28 d, 23 h+	bfi		
3160993	PHP & MySQL Expert	Computer	Consulting	US\$1.51	0	-	2 d, 23 h+	SlikWeb2000		
3160845	CopyWriting - 4 Website	Creative	Writing	US\$1,200.00	2	US\$770.00	4 d, 22 h+	CopierWatcher		
3160307	VenueZone Party Icons	Creative	Design	US\$1.14	0	-	9 d, 22 h+	liamcasey		
3159153	Audio Streaming	Computer	Software Development	-	0	-	3d, 21 h+	abhi7		
3159132	datanuggets.com	Marketing	Sales - Domain name	US\$50,000.00	0	-	24 d, 21 h+	dwilliams		
3159129	Designing a half page Color AD	Creative	Design	US\$250.00	5	US\$610.00	21 h, 31 m+	RC23		
3158229	Creative Writing	Creative	Writing	US\$30.00	10	US\$54.50	20h, 26 m+	dawnaavery2		
3156880	Work at Home	Marketing		-	0	-	29 d, 18 h+	einstein		
3156837	Logo & Stationery Design	Creative	Design	-	10	US\$495.55	29 d, 18 h+	vyhe		
3156576	Convert hard docs to PDF	Creative	Consulting	US\$200.00	6	US\$166.58	2 d, 17 h+	PGLink		
3155060	Powerpoint Touch-Up	Business	Report Production	US\$60.00	13	US\$51.08	14 h, 17 m+	Flashed1		

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Recently Purchased Services:

- ☒ -: US\$20.00
- ☒ logos, web, photography: US\$75.00
- ☒ writing, research, business support: US\$10.00 [MORE](#)

800

Fixed-Price Services Available in All categories

FILTER BY		Categories: All			Feedback: All		Price/Unit:	
802	804	806	808	810	812	814	816	818
ID	Action	Category	Sub Category	Specializations	Price	Unit	Seller	
2033255	Info & Buy	Creative	web design	all web design, html or wysiwyg	US\$40.00	Hour	rdgraphics	5
2033205	Info & Buy	Creative	Design	all design	US\$50.00	Hour	rdgraphics	5
2118290	Info & Buy	Business	Startup Services	Consulting	US\$150.00	Hour	SourceCFO	5
2129818	Info & Buy	Creative	Design	Consultant	US\$30.00	Hour	adamwho	5
2115328	Info & Buy	Creative	Design	Logo Design	US\$300.00	Item	suebee277	5
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2115344	Info & Buy	Creative	Design	Brochure Design	US\$400.00	Hour	suebee277	5
2229197	Info & Buy	Creative	Design	Logo Design	US\$35.00	Hour	strongvisuals.com	5
2072517	Info & Buy	Creative	Design	Design/Production Services for Print	US\$85.00	Hour	Design Pro	5
2162954	Info & Buy	Creative	web design	logos	US\$350.00	Item	garvey	5
2263249	Info & Buy	Computer	Software Development	Application Development	US\$50.00	Hour	ggarg	5

Figure 8



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902 — **My eLance: Activity**

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904 — **My Buying Activity**

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ID	Bid ID	Name	Type	Seller	Status	Actions	Work Space	Message	Make a Payment
916	918	920	922	924	926	928	930	932	934

908 — ☒ [Post a Project](#) ☒ [Browse Fixed-Price Services](#)

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906 — **My Selling Activity**

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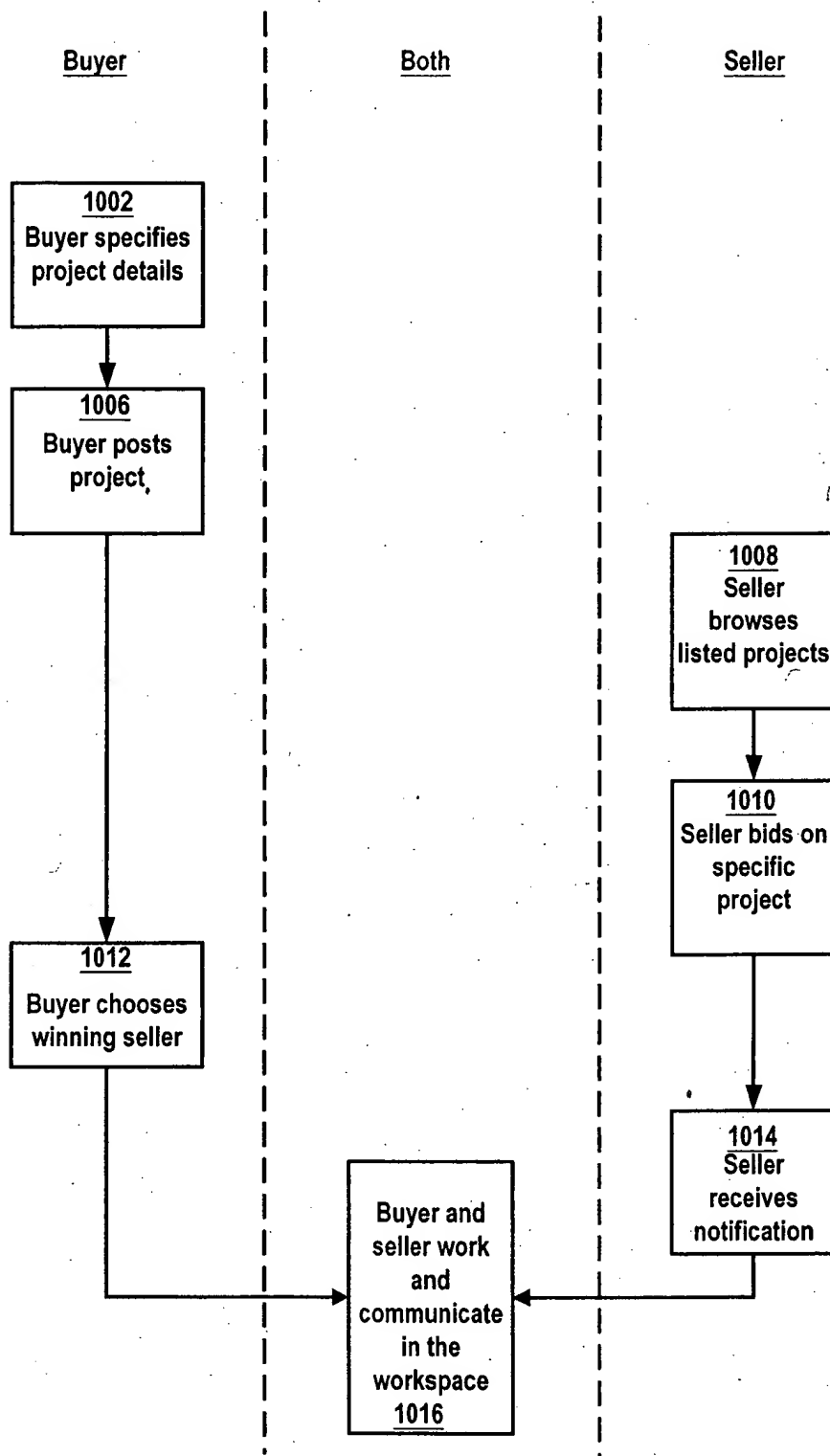
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Figure 9



RFP Process

Figure 10

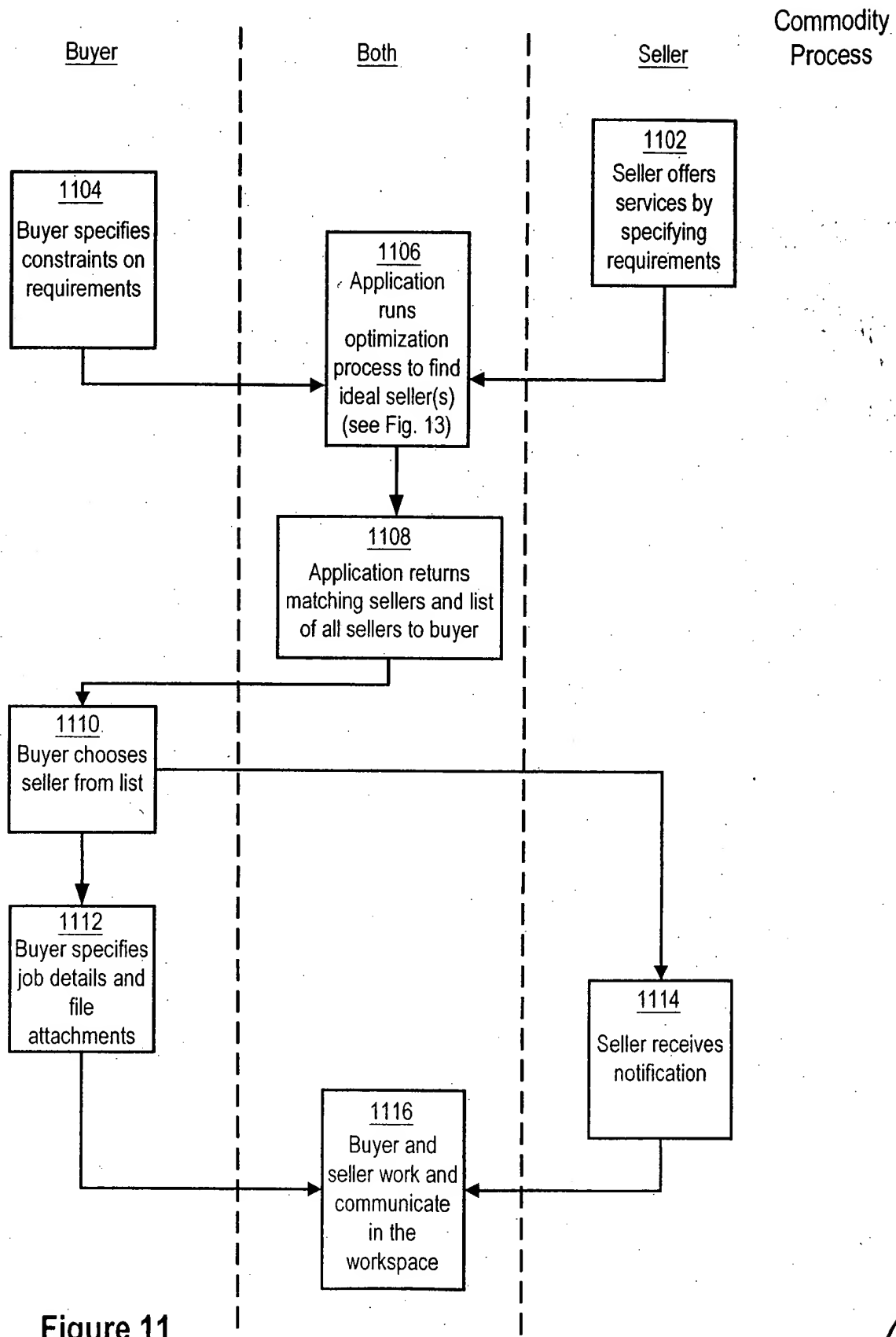


Figure 11



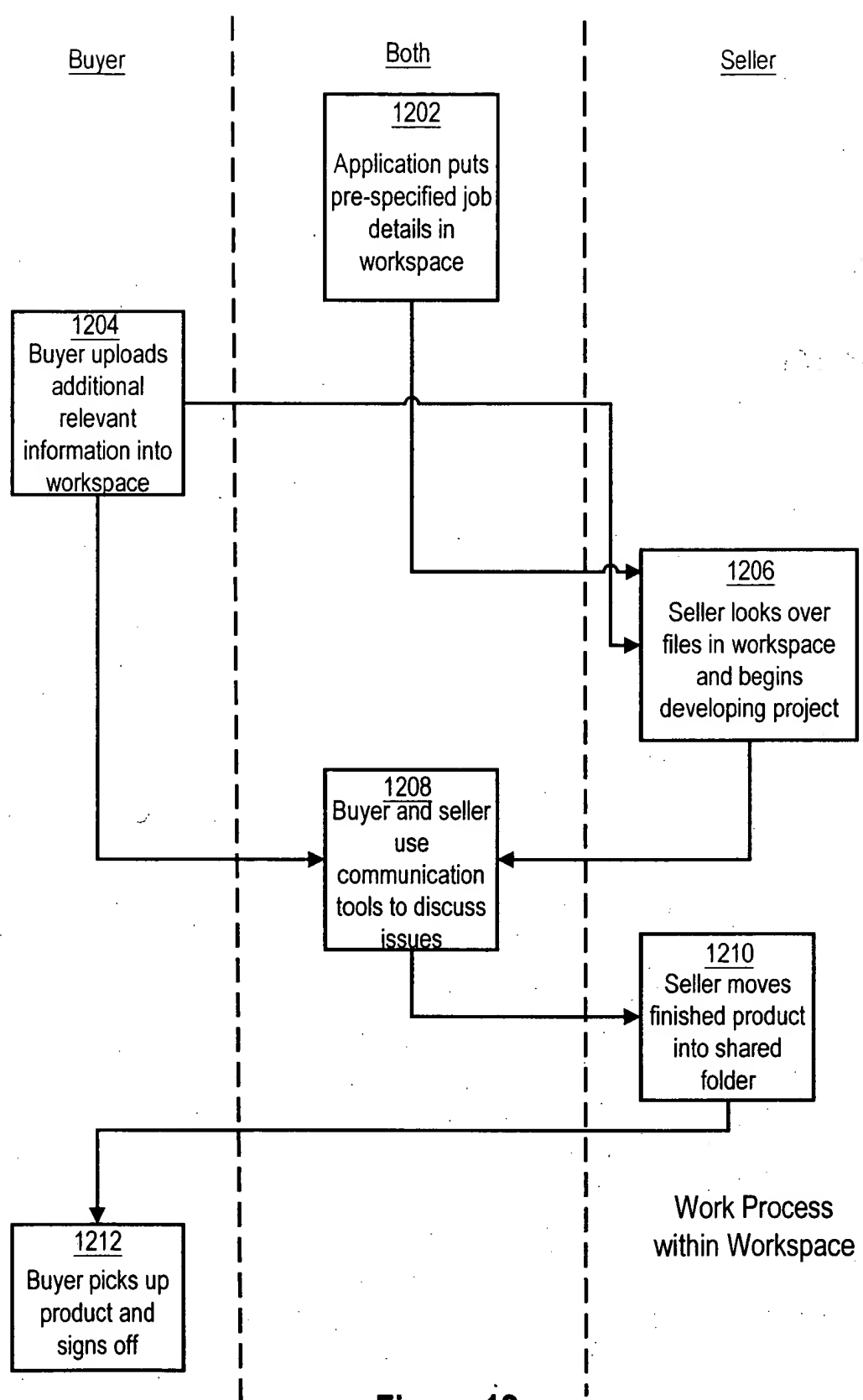


Figure 12



Optimizer-Related
Process

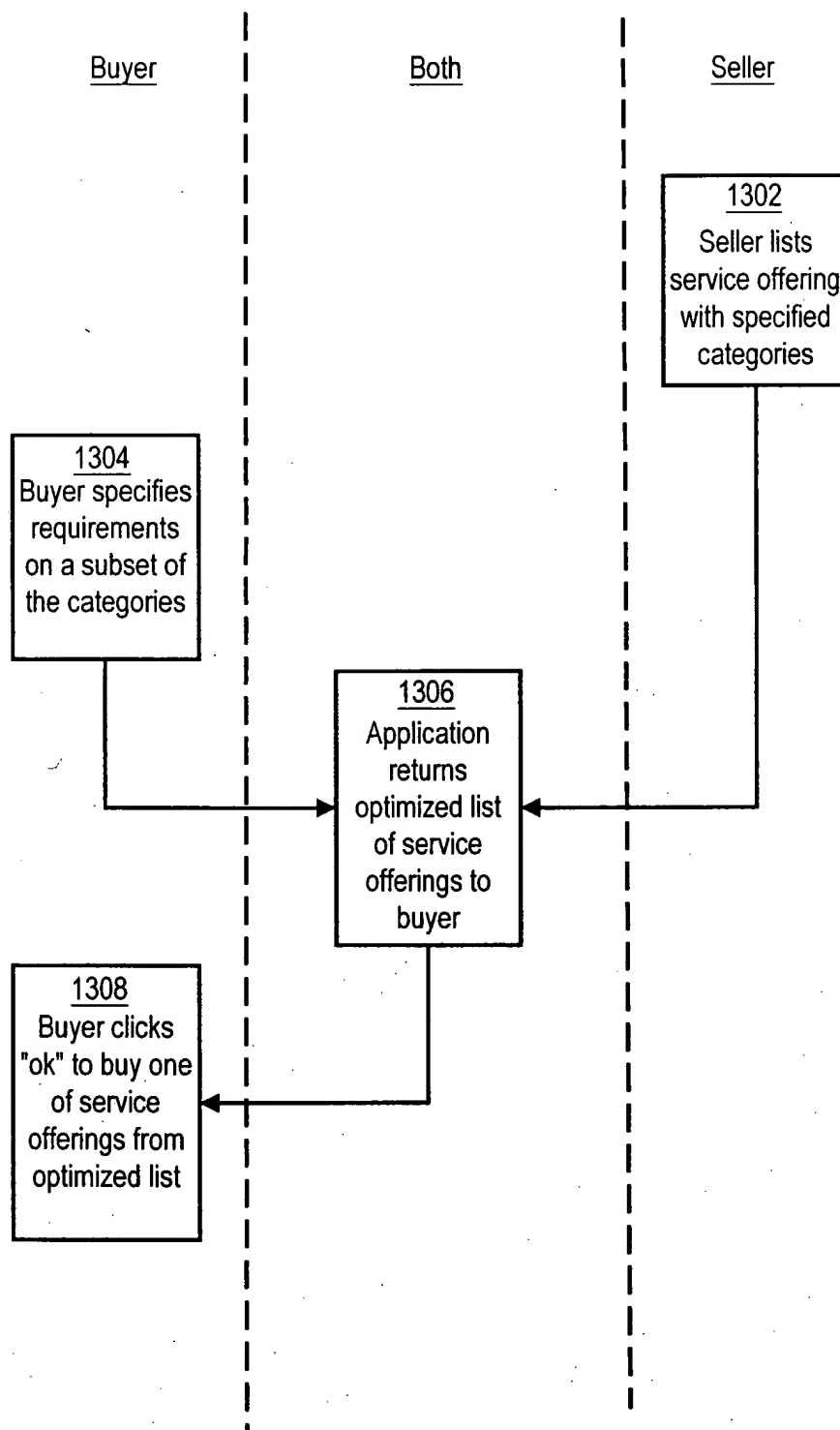


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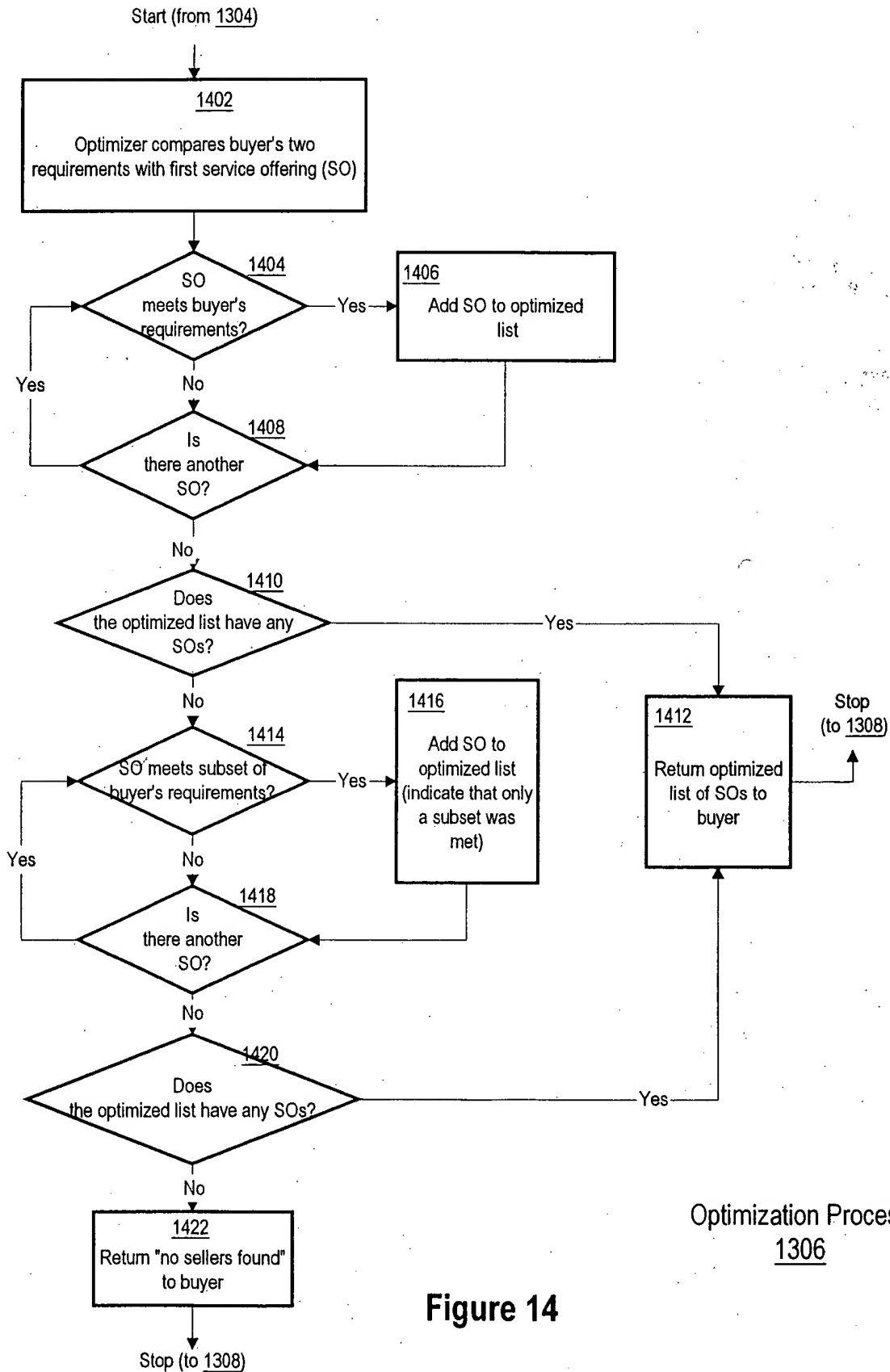
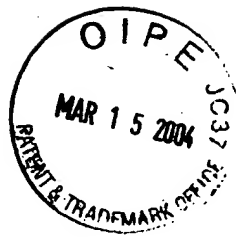


Figure 14

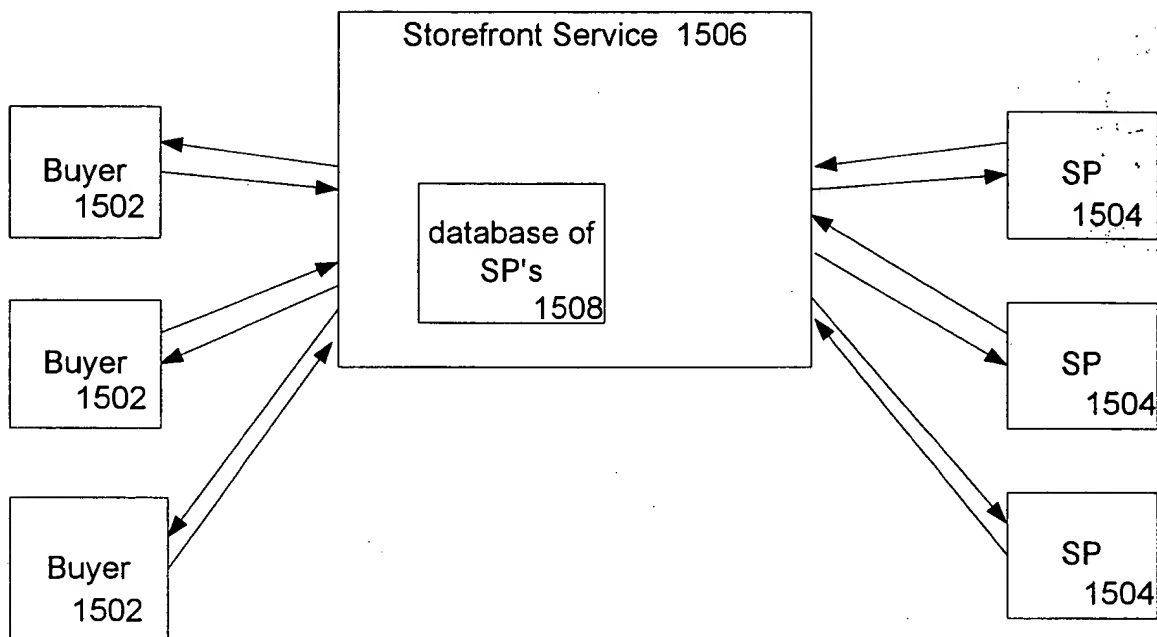


Figure 15



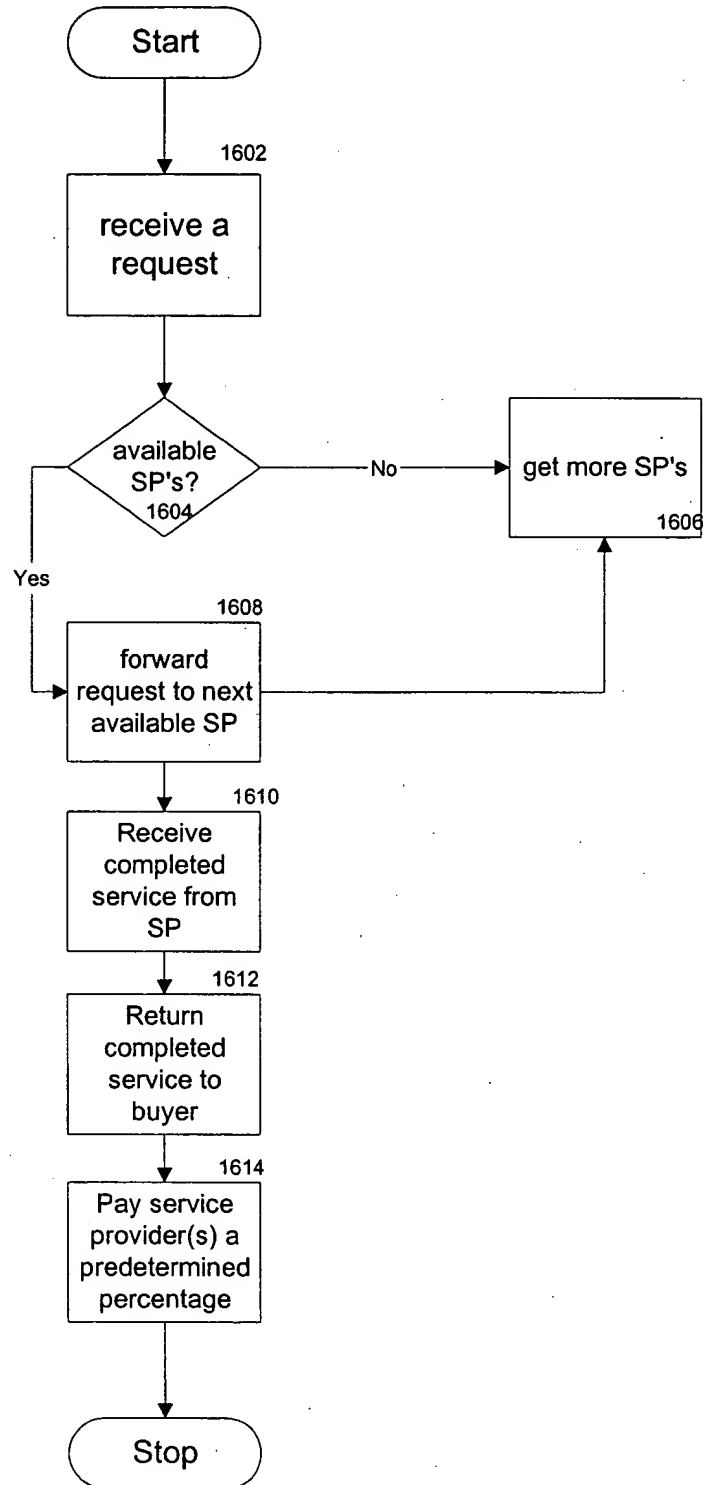
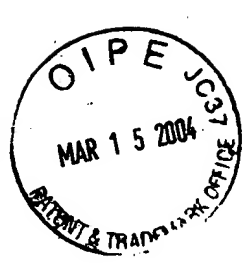


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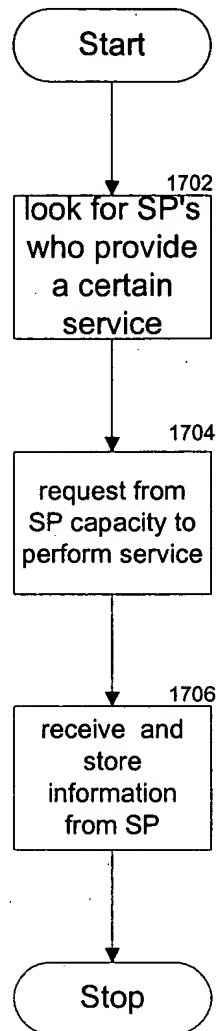


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1804 →

Give special instructions to the artist about how you would like your animation done:
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Give us your email address, so we can notify you when the animation is finished

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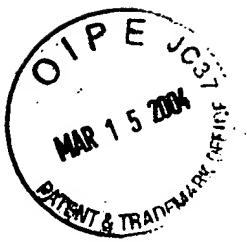
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